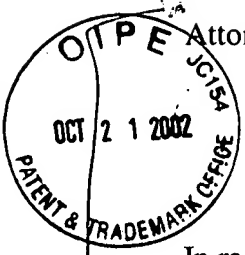


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In re Application of: Larsen et al.

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For: A Disposable Double Point Injection Needle and an Insulin Injection System Comprising a Disposable Double Point Injection Needle

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1- 17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 18-34:

18. (New). A safety injection needle assembly comprising:
- an injection needle having an injection part with a first end sharpened for piercing skin and a cartridge part having second end for inserting into a medication holding cartridge of an injection device;
 - a hub in which the injection needle is mounted;
 - a slideable safety shield for covering the injection part of the needle, the shield being biased to slide toward and to cover the first end when no external force is applied to the shield;